

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Objection to the specification:

The specification is objected to under 37 CFR 1.71 for failing to provide an adequate written description of the invention.

- 5 Page 4, lines 23-25, the phrase "supporting...lifespan" is unclear as to how the supporting apparatus 10 with the steel tube and wire ropes can be bent at 180 degrees and to be fixed at any position. Also lines 35-36 of page 4 and lines 1-3 of page 5, the phrase "the supporting...lifespan" is unclear as to how the device can be maintained at the bent or rotated position since the material of the tube is steel.
- 10 Applicant should clarify those in the amendment.

Response:

- The specification has been amended to clarify that the flexible steel tube 14 and two flexible steel wire ropes 16 can be bent or rotated for changing the position of
- 15 the supporting apparatus 10. The flexible steel tube and ropes are not completely rigid, and the flexibility allows the supporting apparatus 10 to be bent and rotated. In light of this clarification to the specification, acceptance of the specification is respectfully requested.

20 2. Rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

 Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, for reasons of record.

25 **Response:**

 The claims have been thoroughly amended to correct any indefinite claim language present in the original wording of the claims. Reconsideration of claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8-10 is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of claims 1-6, 9, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 1-6, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fan (US 5,860,824).

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Response:

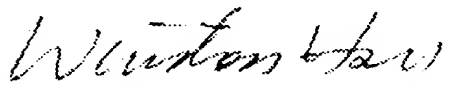
Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations previously found in claim 7, and claim 7 has subsequently been cancelled. Claim 7 had been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2-3, 5-6, and 8-10 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8-10 is respectfully requested.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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